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The SPEAKEASY MURDER
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BUENA PARK, CA

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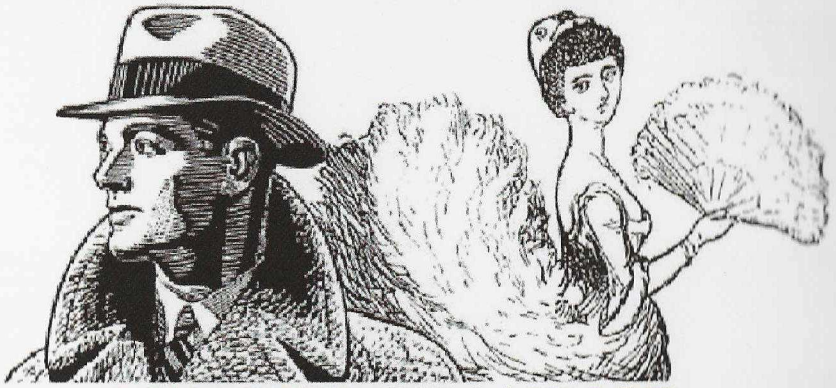

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EG MURDER MEDIA
presents

The SPEAKEASY MURDER

& OTHER ACTS OF PROHIBITION

by
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DYLAN GUY DAVIS AND DAVID ALMEIDA

Costume Design
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Technical Design
CRAIG PUTMAN

Production Design
DYLAN GUY DAVIS

General Manager
MICHAEL DEWOLF II

Musical Direction
GARY LITTMAN

Directed By
ERIK HASTINGS

FROM THE PRODUCERS

First and foremost—thank you. Gary and I, along with our entire company, are truly honored you have chosen to spend your evening with us. This production is especially meaningful; it has been nearly thirty years in the making, shaped by friendship, passion, and a shared belief in the magic of live theatre.

The Speakeasy Murder & Other Acts of Prohibition is a family-friendly, interactive, live-action murder-mystery dinner show infused with music and humor. From pre-show festivities to the final curtain, the evening runs approximately two hours and includes one fifteen-minute intermission.

Rest assured—your level of involvement is entirely up to you. You are welcome to participate enthusiastically, modestly, or simply sit back and enjoy the unfolding mystery.

Each guest receives a bit of "Charlie Cash." Feel free to use it to bribe cast members for hints, secrets, or suspiciously helpful information that may aid you in solving the crime.

During the performance; three, single, simulated gunshots will be heard. When the lights go out, some of you may wish to cover your ears.

Within our story world, members of law enforcement are portrayed as honorable public servants and do not commit crimes. Police corruption is not a theme explored in this production, and if questioned, the characters will promptly dismiss the idea. The mystery centers on intrigue within the club—not on the integrity of those sworn to uphold the law.

Thank you again for being part of this experience. Now, settle in, enjoy the evening... and trust no one.

ENJOY THE SHOW!

CAST

(in order of appearance)

Lawrence Lombardo.....DYLAN GUY DAVIS
Charlie "The Tuna" Scarpelli..... RAY PALEN
Carmen Colada..... ALEXIS TURNER
Rose Meadowlark..... KRISTIE GENG
Mama Scarpelli ..... ALEX GODOY
Mr. Cain ..... CODY STONE
Tommy Merengue ..... BENNETT PEREZ

Understudies.....ALEXANDER MRAZEK
JUSTIN ALDRIDGE, ALYSSA ROSE, ASHLEY LESENDRIC,
KYLE MEEHAN, MITCH ENGLAND, LAUREN CANTOR,
DAVID ALMEIDA, DEBI MORGAN, LARISSA MCLETCHIE,
KELLY WOLFE, KATIE ROSE KEITH

SETTING

It's September 29, 1929 - New York City. Bootleggers run the liquor, gangsters run the streets, flappers rule the dance floor—and everybody's doing The Charleston at The 38. At the center of it all stands Charlie "The Tuna" Scarpelli—notorious mob boss, smooth operator, and undisputed head of the Scarpelli crime family. But Charlie doesn't rule alone. Across the boroughs and back rooms, five powerful families keep the uneasy balance of power: the ruthless Sargentos, the old-world Ronzonis, the unpredictable Manganos, and the quietly lethal Gaglianos.

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

CHARLIE'S MANHATTAN 15
A refined twist on the classic, Charlie's Manhattan features rich black walnut bitters, smooth rye whiskey, and sweet vermouth, garnished with a Luxardo cherry.

CAIN'S CARAMEL ESPRESSO MARTINI 15
Bold, rich, and irresistibly salty smooth—just like Mr. Cain. This indulgent cocktail blends vodka, espresso, salted caramel, and coffee liqueur, finished with a touch of sea salt.

CARMEN'S PARTY PUNCH 15
A vibrant blend of coconut, spiced, and dark rums mixed with pineapple, orange, and passion fruit juices, finished with a hint of grenadine. Sweet, tropical, and delightfully fizzy, this punch is as fruity and fun as Carmen herself!

LARRY'S WILD BERRY RITA 15
A harmonious blend of tequila, lime, and wild berry puree, this margarita hits all the right notes. Sweet, tangy, and perfectly in tune, it's the drink that keeps the party in time with Larry's impeccable rhythm!

ROSE'S SMOKED CHERRY OLD FASHIONED 15
A sultry mix of bourbon, cherry, and a touch of smoke, this cocktail embodies Rose's complex allure. Tart, smoky and just a little bitter. It's a drink that lingers long after the spotlight fades.

MAMA'S GREEN GODDESS BLOODY MARY 15
A zesty blend of vodka, tomatillo juice, and vibrant spices, this refreshing twist on the classic is as bold and unique as Mama Scarpelli herself. She insists it's the perfect cure-all.

BEVERAGES

TOMMY'S SURE-FIRE SHIRLEY - NON-ALCOHOLIC 5
Light, refreshing, and delightfully sweet, this classic mix of soda and grenadine is topped with a cherry. Perfect for those who can't hold their liquor—or just want to keep it classy like Tommy.

BEER & WINE

DOMESTIC/IMPORTED DRAFT BEERS 7/9
Stella, Amberbock & Bud Light

PREMIUM BOTTLED BEERS 7
Stella, Heineken, Heineken 0.0, Blue Moon, Corona, Modelo, Guiness, Goose Island IPA

DOMESTIC BOTTLED BEERS 6
Budweiser, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra, Yuengling, Coors, Miller Light

CIDERS & SUCH 7
Angry Orchard, White Claw & High Noon

COCKTAILS & SPIRITS 15

CHAMPAGNE, BILLINI OR SPRITZER 9

HOUSE WINE (RED OR WHITE) 10

PROSECCO 11

Wine can be purchased by the glass or bottle. A full wine list is available (upon request).

SOFT DRINKS

SOFT DRINKS (FREE REFILLS) 3
Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Ginger Ale, Starry, Mountain Dew, Club Soda, Lipton Sweet Tea, Roy Rogers

LEMONADE OR ARNOLD PALMER 4

FRUIT PUNCH 5

SEASONAL DESSERT SPECIALS

MAMA'S BROWNIE ALA MODE 10
Ooey, gooey and topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream

COCONUT RUM CAKE 11
Head to the Caribbean for this delicious, soft and tender cake with a hint of mischief

DEEP FRIED CHEESECAKE 12
Sure...go ahead, have a slice of deep fried creamy goodness!

An 18% service charge will automatically be applied to your bill for all menu items ordered from your server.

Please alert us of your food allergies or sensitivities.

APPETIZERS

CHARLIE'S BIG ONION RINGS 12
Golden perfection, thick sliced and served with Ranch for dipping

CRISPY CALAMARI 13
Lightly battered calamari rings with zesty marinara dipping sauce

SCARPELLI FAMILY RECIPE MEATBALLS WITH MAMA'S MARINARA 14

RED HOT JALAPENO POPPERS 11
Lightly battered cheese stuffed jalapeno peppers served with ranch for dipping

MOZZARELLA STICKS 8
Ooey, cheesy, crunchy deliciousness. Served with Mama's marinara

BOARDWALK STYLE CRAB CAKES 14
Golden brown, perfectly seasoned and melt in your mouth delicious

MEDITERRANEAN OLIVES WITH GARLIC TOAST (PRICE PP) 8

vegetarian

WHO YOU WILL MEET

CHARLIE "THE TUNA" SCARPELLI
Charlie is the unmistakable face of 1920s power—tailored suit, polished shoes, and eyes that never stop calculating. As proprietor of New York's notorious nightclub "The 38" and head of the Scarpelli crime family, he commands loyalty with a smile and fear with silence. People say Charlie always knows more than he lets on... and that crossing him is a mistake few live long enough to regret.

MR. CAIN
Soft-spoken, impeccably dressed, and perpetually observant, Mr. Cain stands just behind Charlie's shoulder—never in the spotlight, yet never far from it. He carries the weight of secrets like others carry pocket watches. Some believe he is Charlie's greatest ally. Others suspect he is the most dangerous man in the room... because he knows exactly where every skeleton is buried.

LAWRENCE "LARRY" LOMBARDO
Larry Lombardo leads the band with quick wit, quicker fingers, and a grin that suggests he's heard every confession in the city. His jokes land as smoothly as his melodies, but behind the laughter lies a man who sees far more than he says. In a club filled with whispers, Larry's music may be the only thing keeping certain truths from being heard.

TOMMY MERENGUE
Tommy is the master of ceremonies—the voice that welcomes you, distracts you, and keeps the night spinning forward no matter what chaos brews backstage. His charm is effortless, his timing flawless. Yet those who watch closely notice he never misses a thing or does he? When trouble rises, Tommy is always the first to know... and usually surprised.

WHO YOU WILL MEET

ROSE MEADOWLARK
Once the undisputed star of the city, Rose's voice still carries the power to hush a room and stir forgotten memories. Applause follows her like an old lover, but so do rumors of a past she'd rather leave unsung. Beneath the velvet gowns and smoky ballads is a woman who has lost much—and learned exactly how far she's willing to go to never lose again.

CARMEN COLADA
Carmen shines with youthful optimism and a smile that feels untouched by the darker corners of the world. She believes her rise is just beginning. The audience adores her, the management depends on her, and everyone else seems to know something she doesn't. In a place where innocence is rare currency, Carmen may be the most valuable—and vulnerable—person in the building.

MAMA SCARPELLI
Warm embraces, sharp eyes, and a will forged in another country and another time—Mama Scarpelli is the family's heart and its hidden backbone. She bakes, she blesses, and she remembers everything. Her sweetness is genuine, but so is her steel. Those who underestimate Mama often discover too late that she didn't raise a crime boss by accident.

KITTY CARMICHAEL
Kitty Carmichael is the purveyor of the city's finest clothing and most exquisite accessories—a walking showcase of silk gloves, clever hats, and perfectly matched pearls. She insists she has never committed a crime... and probably never will, a claim delivered with such sincerity everyone believes her. Sweet, impeccably polite, and possesses an astonishing amount of information.

COMPANY

Producer/Director..... ERIK HASTINGS
Producer/Director..... GARY LITTMAN
General Manager ..... MICHAEL DEWOLF II
Production Designer..... DYLAN GUY DAVIS
Lighting Design..... CRAIG PUTNAM
Costume Design..... MICHAEL D'AQUINO
Merchandise..... CARMEN JORDAN
House Managers..... NICOLE MARTIARENA
JENNA-MARIE PATRELLA

PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE

Service Captain..... JESSIE DUNN
Bar Manager..... SUSAN CARDONA
Jewel Manager..... NICOLE MURRAY

TECHNICAL TEAM

LEMUEL QUINONES, BRANDON DANIEL, JESSA LANGLOIS, NATALIE ONLYNICK, JUSTIN SMITH, ALEX HENDERSON

PLEASE NOTE

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THE PRODUCERS

ERIK HASTINGS Erik Hastings is an Emmy Award-winning television host, producer, and creator with over two decades of experience in travel and entertainment. Known to audiences as "Erik the Travel Guy," he has hosted the nationally televised series Beyond Your Backyard on PBS, inspiring millions to explore new destinations. Erik is also the co-creator and producer of *The Speakeasy Murder & Other Acts of Prohibition* with his dear friend Gary. With a background in broadcasting, live performance, and hospitality, Erik brings passion, humor, and authenticity to every project. It has been said that he most embodies the spirt of Baloo from The Jungle Book. He loves spending time with his two daughters at home in Central Florida and continues to champion the arts and travel industries.

GARY LITTMAN Gary has invested in Broadway hits like The Wiz and Appropriate, and produced Your Lie in April on London's West End. He began his career developing new musicals Off-Broadway (Ruthless) and has appeared on stages nationwide and on TV in The Blacklist, Maisel and Law & Order. A versatile voiceover artist, his work spans cartoons, commercials, audiobooks—even WAZE! Gary is thrilled to collaborate with longtime friend Erik Hastings in producing and directing The Speakeasy Murder in Orlando. When not working he loves golf, travel and romantic long walks on a sandy beach dressed as Lumiere. All my love to Luli, Vaughn, and Ansel for believing in my wild dreams!